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- U.S. Patent No. 6,497,408, issued December 24, 2002 to Walker et al.;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,773,345, issued August 10, 2004 to Walker et al.; and
- Brown, Chip, "Texas Million part of lottery roster; Game offers more ways to win", Austin American-Statesman, May 28, 1998, pg. B3.

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The Texas Lottery is breaking out "Texas Million," a new numbers game that has its first drawing Friday night.

Texas Million, which will be drawn weekly and costs \$2 per ticket, increases players' odds of winning big cash prizes, lottery officials say.

The top prize is \$1 million, and players have a 1 in 3.9 million chance of winning that, as opposed to the 1 in 15.8 million odds players have in winning Lotto Texas jackpots.

The overall odds of winning any prize in Texas Million are 1 in 20. Prizes awarded in the game start at \$10, then increase to \$300, \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$1 million.

"We spent about two years working on this game," said Pam Udall, the lottery's online product manager. "Our players say they like the game because they have multiple ways to win on one ticket, that they can play for a \$1 million cash prize and that the odds were only 1 in 3.9 million."

The dynamics of the game may take some getting used to, however.

The game ticket, which is similar to those used for Lotto Texas, Cash 5 and Pick 3, is divided into three categories.

The top section is for the \$1 million prize. The second section is for a top prize of \$25,000; and a third is for a \$10,000 prize.

Players choose four numbers from 0 to 99, or get them through Quick Pick, to win \$1 million.

They also receive six additional sets of four numbers that are automatically generated.

Two sets of those numbers are in the \$25,000 category, while the other four sets are in the \$10,000 category.

Match all four numbers in the top section and win \$1 million. Match all four numbers in the second section and win \$25,000. Match all four in the third section and win \$10,000.

Players matching three numbers in any one of the seven sets win \$300. Matching two numbers in any one of the sets wins \$10.

There is a maximum \$10 million payout for the top prize in each drawing, so if more than 10 people win \$1 million in any given drawing, the winners will split \$10 million.

Udall said about 2.5 million Texas Million tickets had been sold by Wednesday afternoon. The Austin American-Statesman will print the winning Texas Million numbers on Saturdays on the back page of the Metro & State section.

GRAPHIC: A sample 'Texas Million' lottery slip. The ticket, priced at \$2, offers three different prize areas: \$1 million, \$25,000 and \$10,000.

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